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CANADIAN MAN SENTENCED FOR TRAVELING TO GEORGIA TO ENGAGE IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY WITH A 10-YEAR-OLD GIRL

ATLANTA, GA - DOUGLAS RICHARD STEVENS, 53, of Ontario, Canada, was sentenced today by United States District Judge J. Owen Forrester on charges of using a computer to entice a 10-year-old girl to engage in sexual activity and to crossing state lines to engage in sexual acts with the young girl. STEVENS was sentenced to 12 years, 3 months in federal prison, to be followed by 10 years of supervised release.

“We have seen an alarming number of cases in which predators used their computers to arrange meetings with young children and then travel across state lines and national boundaries for the purpose of sexually abusing their victims,” said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias. “In this case, the defendant worked as a truck driver who traveled from Canada to Georgia to molest who he thought was a young girl. He will now be locked up so he can’t hurt any more real children.”

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: Beginning on or about December 7, 2005, STEVENS communicated on-line with “Jane,” a person whom he believed had a 10-year old daughter named “Mary.” STEVENS, using the screen name “ontm4momanddaughter,” told “Jane” that he wanted to engage in sexual acts with “Mary.” STEVENS arranged to meet “Jane” and “Mary,” and on December 11, 2005, he traveled to Atlanta from Ontario for the purpose of sexually molesting “Mary.” Law enforcement agents arrested STEVENS at a restaurant parking lot after he arrived in the Atlanta area. “Jane” was in fact a name used by an undercover FBI Agent working as part of the FBI’s Safe Child Task Force. The 10-year-old girl referred to as “Mary” was fictitious and never existed. In his chats, STEVENS stated that he met a 12-year-old girl on-line in the past and sexually molested her.

STEVENS was indicted by a federal grand jury in January, 2006. The indictment charged him with using a computer to entice a minor to engage in sexual activity and traveling across state lines to engage in sexual acts with the minor. He pleaded guilty to both counts.

This case was investigated by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Assistant United States Attorney J. Elizabeth McBath prosecuted the case.

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